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SUBJECT: SPAIN: MISSILE DEFENSE IS NRC ISSUE, NOT OSCE ISSUE

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(C) Per reftel, DCM talked with MFA PolDir Rafael Dezcallar on May 3 about the importance of retaining the discussion of missile defense in NATO and NATO Russia Council rather than in the OSCE. Dezcallar said that Spain unequivocally supports the US position. He clarified that FM Moratinos' statement was a statement of principle - that the OSCE is a forum for discussion of security issues - that did not relate directly to this case. Dezcallar said that he had participated in Moratinos' meetings in Madrid with Russian FM Lavrov several weeks ago, and that while Lavrov had pressured Moratinos on the missile defense issue, Moratinos had been firm with Lavrov that missile defense is a subject for discussion in the NATO-Russia Council, not in the OSCE.
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